Services of Rail Hostess

†*79. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to provide the services of Rail Hostess to the passengers in some trains in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the trains/express trains in the country in which the services of Rail Hostess is to be provided; and

(c) by when, such service is likely to be provided in all the trains in the country and the effective and necessary steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) to (c) The services of Rail Hostess have been provided by the Licensee in the Executive Class of train No. 2029/2030, New Delhi-Amritsar Swam Shatabdi Express only. There is no proposal to provide the services of Rail Hostess on any other train at present.

Doubling of Bangalore-Mysore Railway Line

*80. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up doubling of railway line between Bangalore-Mysore;

(b) if so, the present status of the above work;

(c) if not, by when it will be taken;

(d) whether any survey had been done in this regard; and

(e) if so, the estimated cost of the above work?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) to (c) On Bangalore-Mysore line patch doubling of Bangalore-Kengeri (12.45 kms) and Kengeri-Ramanagaram (32 kms) sections have been taken up. In Bangalore-Kengeri section, the formation work has been completed in entire length except for one major bridge where work is in progress. In Kengeri-Ramanagaram section, the formation work has been completed upto Bidadi (17.4 kms) except for one major bridge where work is in progress. Earthwork and bridge work are in progress in remaining section.

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